

counties, together with officials of the state agencies involved, the recommendations Maryland will make to the President. We have every reason to feel confident that the work that has been started for the rehabilitation of the region will be completed, and that the action to be taken will redound to the benefit not only of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties, but of the Appalachian region as a whole.

Again, let me say that it is a great joy and a great satisfaction to be with you here today to commemorate the fifty years of service the Hagerstown Rotary Club has rendered this community. With my congratulations on this happy occasion go my best wishes that both the Rotary Club and Hagerstown will enjoy success and good fortune in all the years ahead.

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Mr. Chairman, Governor Carvel, my friends of the Eastern Shore:

Although it is a major responsibility of my office, as well as my personal pleasure, to represent every part of the State of Maryland, I think I may be forgiven if I display a little more than an ordinary affection and concern for the Eastern Shore. I am, as you all know, an Eastern Shoreman—by birth, by inclination, by persuasion. The Eastern Shore is my home. It is where many of my dearest and oldest friends live. And so, I think I may be forgiven if I take more than a routine interest in, and demonstrate more than a casual concern for, the future of the Delmarva Peninsula and the good people who inhabit it.

I am particularly pleased to welcome to Maryland our friends and neighbors from Delaware and from Accomack and Northampton counties of Virginia. I extend to you the warm hospitality of Maryland and assure you that it is the desire of the people of my State to cooperate with you in every way to promote our common aims and interests. History and geography have united us—the people of the nine Maryland counties of the Eastern Shore, the people of Delaware, the people of the two Eastern Shore counties of Virginia. Virtually cut off from the mainland, our forebears lived here for centuries in a state of relative isolation. And now that the walls of our isolation have crumbled, it behooves us, I think, to preserve and to strengthen